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Shell Oil Products U.S. property is Ready for Reuse

BATON ROUGE – The Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and Shell Oil Products U.S. celebrated the completion of a Ready for Reuse project at the former Metairie Lube Oil Blending Facility at a ceremony at DEQ headquarters today. Shell was awarded a determination letter and certificate by DEQ and EPA signifying that the site has been cleaned up and can be put back into use.

The former Metairie Lube Oil Blending Facility is located at 309 Jefferson Highway in Jefferson. Surrounded by areas of light/heavy industry and commercial land uses, the property currently consists of approximately 17 acres. The property was formerly used for blending and packaging of motor oils, gear oils and grease.

With this Ready for Reuse Determination, DEQ and EPA Region 6 agree that Shell Oil Products U.S. has successfully conducted its investigation and remediation and risk management activities. It has been determined that environmental conditions at the property are protective of human health and the environment based on its current and anticipated future use as an industrial/commercial property.

A Ready for Reuse Determination is an acknowledgment by DEQ and EPA that environmental conditions on the property are protective of human health and the environment based on its current and anticipated future use.

“We are honoring today the cooperation between Shell Oil Products U.S., the Ready for Reuse program and the cooperation between DEQ and EPA,” said DEQ Secretary Peggy Hatch. “Seventeen acres of previously contaminated land will now be used for industrial and commercial purposes. It’s good for the environment and the economy because the contamination was addressed in a way that meets state and federal standards.”

For more information about DEQ’s Ready for Reuse Program, please visit www.deq.louisiana.gov or visit www.epa.gov to learn about EPA’s Land Revitalization Action Agenda.